IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-5, 8-12, and 17 without prejudice or disclaimer of

subject matter. Please amend Claims 30-37 as indicated below. The following is a complete

listing of claims and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

Claims 1-29 (canceled)

Claim 30 (currently amended): A ~~data communication~~ method ~~to be used in~~ of

controlling a data communication apparatus, ~~that is connected to a serial bus, said data~~

~~communication~~ the method comprising the steps of:

transmitting, controlling the data communication apparatus to send image data

selected by a user to ~~another apparatus~~ a printer via [[said]] a serial ~~bus, image data requested by~~

~~a command transmitted from said other apparatus~~ bus, the image data selected by the user being

sent from the data communication apparatus if a send instruction is entered into the data

communication apparatus; [[and]]

controlling the data communication apparatus to start inhibiting, invalidating or

ignoring ~~entry of~~ a predetermined user instruction ~~and notifying a predetermined message to user~~

~~during transmission of said image data~~ if the send instruction is entered into the data

communication apparatus; and

controlling the data communication apparatus to stop inhibiting, invalidating or

ignoring the predetermined user instruction if the printer notifies the data communication

apparatus that the image data selected by the user is printed.

Claim 31 (currently amended): A ~~data communication~~ method according to claim 30, further comprising [[a]] the step of ~~notifying an alarm~~ controlling the data communication apparatus to notify a user with a warning message ~~to said user when said~~ if the predetermined user instruction is entered into the data communication apparatus ~~during transmission of said image data~~ when the predetermined user instruction is inhibited, invalidated or ignored.

Claim 32 (currently amended): A ~~data communication~~ method according to claim 30, wherein [[said]] the data communication apparatus is an ~~image processing apparatus, and said other apparatus is a printer for printing image data transmitted from said data communication~~ apparatus including at least one video recording unit and at least one camera unit.

Claim 33 (currently amended): A ~~data communication~~ method according to claim 30, wherein [[said]] the serial bus conforms to IEEE 1394 standards.

Claim 34 (currently amended): A data communication apparatus ~~that is connected to a serial bus, said data communication apparatus~~ comprising:

[[a]] data communication ~~unit adapted to transmit,~~ means for sending image data selected by a user to ~~another apparatus~~ a printer via ~~said~~ a serial ~~bus, image data requested by a command transmitted from said other apparatus~~ bus, the image data selected by the user being sent from the data communication unit if a send instruction is entered into the data communication apparatus; and

[[a]] control ~~unit adapted to inhibit entry of~~ means for starting a procedure for

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inhibiting, invalidating or ignoring a predetermined user instruction ~~and to notify a~~ ~~predetermined message to a user during transmission of said image data~~ if the send instruction is entered into the data communication apparatus, and for stopping the inhibiting, invalidating or ignoring of the predetermined user instruction if the printer notifies the data communication apparatus that the image data selected by the user is printed.

Claim 35 (currently amended): A data communication apparatus according to claim 34, wherein said control ~~unit~~ means notifies ~~an alarm~~ a user with a warning message ~~to~~ ~~said the user when said~~ if the predetermined user instruction is entered into said data communication apparatus when ~~during transmission of said image data~~ the predetermined user instruction is inhibited, invalidated or ignored by said control means.

Claim 36 (currently amended): A data communication apparatus according to claim 34, wherein said data communication apparatus is an ~~image processing apparatus, and said~~ ~~other apparatus is a printer for printing image data transmitted from said data communication~~ apparatus including at least one video recording unit and at least one camera unit.

Claim 37 (currently amended): A data communication apparatus according to claim 34, wherein [[said]] the serial bus conforms to IEEE 1394 standards.